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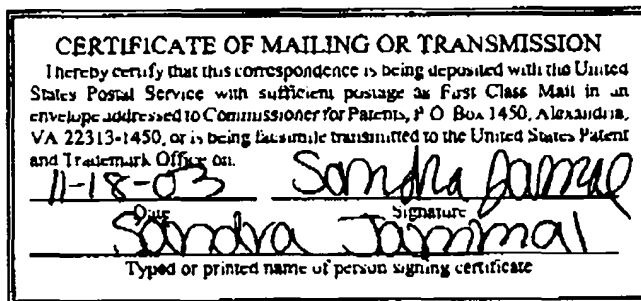
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Marcel Loetscher and Bernhard Moser
Application No.: 09/633,541 Group: 1646
Filed: August 7, 2000 Examiner: J.F. Murphy
Confirmation No.: 3846
For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING LIGANDS, INHIBITORS OR
PROMOTERS OF CXc CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR 3 (As Amended)



REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 13, 2003, requesting re-submission of the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Amendment filed on March 18, 2003.

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It is believed that the Notice was issued in error. The Amendment in question was filed on March 18, 2003, and complied with the requirements of the version of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 then in effect. The effective date of amended 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 is July 30, 2003 (68 Federal Register 38611 (June 30, 2003)(Revised Amendment Practice)). As stated in the Official Gazette, "Amendments submitted prior to July 30, 2003 in compliance with the previous version of 37 CFR 1.121 . . . will be accepted" (1274 T.M.O.G. 165 (September 23, 2003)). Accordingly, the Amendment filed on March 18, 2003 should be accepted. Withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and requirement to resubmit a section of the Amendment are respectfully requested.

Although it is believed no fees are due, authorization is granted to charge any fees that may be due in this matter to Deposit Account No. 08-0380.

Respectfully submitted,

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